

YOUR COMMITMENT



At least one year of service on a Citizen Review Board in or near your community.

One full weekday a month set aside to meet as a board and review cases.

Participation in a training workshop and periodic inservice training.

Adherence to a strict code of confidentiality.

OUR COMMITMENT



To train and provide you with the resources necessary to fulfill your important role as a citizen reviewer.

To listen to your suggestions, requests, and complaints in order to create an effective program of which you can be proud.

To provide you with adequate advance notice of the scheduled review date in order for you to make necessary arrangements.

To reimburse you for travel (over 100 miles), if required, during training.



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REVIEW BOARD

If you are interested in becoming a part of this exciting program, or would like more information, please call or write:

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN

OUR VISION



Every child deserves a safe, secure, healthy, permanent home with a family.

OUR MISSION



The Foster Care Citizen Review Board provides periodic case reviews for children who are in the custody of the state. These reviews are independent, confidential and provide recommendations for permanency. Citizens impact policy and practice by reviewing case file documents, meeting with interested parties to discuss progress toward permanency for the child, and by establishing an environment where children, parents and caseworkers are willing and able to provide their perspective and input in the decisions that affect their lives.

In 1999 there were over 2300 children placed in some form of out-of-home care, mainly as a result of abuse or neglect. These children can spend many months in temporary placements while the child welfare system works with the families in the hope they can return the children to safer and more nurturing homes. Abused and neglected children come from all socioeconomic, ethnic and religious sectors of our society.

THESE ARE UTAH'S FOSTER CHILDREN

Trained Foster Care Citizen Review Board Volunteers verify and assure each child's needs are being met. All children have the need and the right to a safe, nurturing, and stable home environment. Each child



needs to know and feel that they are wanted and that they belong. Children need the guidance of caring adults and continuity in their relationships with them, whether that be with their biological family or with an adoptive or foster family.

We as community members share responsibility for the safety and well-being of our children.

YOU CAN HELP!

Volunteer to become a member of your local Citizen Review Board! There is a Board close to you. There are 37 Boards in the following communities: Logan, Brigham City, Ogden, Davis County, Salt Lake City, Tooele, Provo, Payson, Richfield/Central Utah, Cedar City, St. George, Vernal, Roosevelt/Ft. Duchesne, Price, Moab and Blanding/ Monticello.

The Foster Care Citizen Review Board is an independent state agency which serves children in foster care statewide. We are the agency designated to conduct the federally required reviews of children in foster care. Our goal is to improve the effectiveness of the public systems charged with the protection and well-being of children in foster care by involving citizens in the case review process. Federal law requires that children be reviewed every six months. As a member of a Citizen Review Board you will be given the training and support necessary to review the cases of children in out-of-home care and to assess the progress being made in achieving a permanent home for the child and assure that each child's needs are met.

You will talk to foster children and their caseworkers, foster parents, legal advocates, and children. Along with other trained volunteers who comprise the Board, you will make recommendations to the Division of Child and Family Services, the Juvenile Court and our other partners as to the best course of action for the child.

You have the potential to become an advocate for children who need nurturing, supportive and permanent homes; an educator of the public on the plight of children and families; a "check and balance" of the child welfare system; and, a catalyst for system reform and the creation of new and better community resources.

